

What is claimed is:

1. A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface;  
said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material;  
wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of recessed portions;  
each of said recessed portions comprising a first width dimension  $x$  and a second width dimension  $y$ ; wherein said first width dimension  $x$  is greater than said second width dimension  $y$ .
2. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said insertion end comprises said first width dimension  $x$ .
3. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said insertion end comprises said second width dimension  $y$ .
4. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said recessed portions are arranged in a pattern.
5. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said recessed portions are parallel with said longitudinal axis.
6. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said recessed portions are spirally shaped.
7. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross-section of the tampon.
8. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.
9. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

10. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.
11. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.